

Amendments to the Claims:

1-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A stackable winding comprising:

an inner paperboard tube having a radially outer surface and a radially inner surface;

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the inner paperboard tube being coaxially disposed within the outer paperboard tube such that the radially outer surface of the inner paperboard tube forms an interface with the radially inner surface of the outer paperboard tube;

the interface being devoid of adhesive and the inner paperboard tube being axially offset with respect to the outer paperboard tube such that one end of the inner paperboard tube projects beyond the outer paperboard tube and forms a male end of the core and an opposite end of the outer paperboard tube projects beyond the inner paperboard tube and forms a female end of the core, and further comprising a fastener that affixes the outer paperboard tube and the inner paperboard tube together to prevent relative movement therebetween, [[and]] the male end of one core [[is]] being insertable into the female end of another core for stacking the cores end-to-end.

5. (Previously Presented) The stackable winding core of claim 4, further comprising:

a first stacking surface defined by one of the male and female ends, and a second stacking surface defined adjacent the other of the male and female ends, the first and second stacking surfaces being nonparallel to a longitudinal axis of the core and structured and arranged such that the first and second stacking surfaces abut each other when the male end of the core is inserted in the female end of another said core.

6. (Previously Presented) The stackable winding core of claim 5, wherein the first stacking surface comprises an end surface of the inner paperboard tube and the second stacking surface comprises an opposite end surface of the inner paperboard tube.

7. (Previously Presented) The stackable winding core of claim 5, wherein the first stacking surface comprises an end surface of the outer paperboard tube and the second stacking surface comprises an opposite end surface of the outer paperboard tube.

8. (Previously Presented) The stackable winding core of claim 7, further comprising a third stacking surface formed by an end surface of the inner paperboard tube and a fourth stacking surface formed by an opposite end surface of the inner paperboard tube, the third and fourth stacking surfaces being structured and arranged to abut each other when the male end is inserted into the female end of another said core.

9-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The stackable winding core of claim [[13]] 4, wherein the fastener comprises a staple.

15. (Previously Presented) The stackable winding core of claim 4, wherein the inner paperboard tube comprises a spirally wound tube having a plurality of paperboard plies spirally wound one upon another and adhered together with adhesive, and the outer paperboard tube comprises a spirally wound tube having a plurality of paperboard plies spirally wound one upon another and adhered together with adhesive.